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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE  
TO OFFICE ACTION, MADE FINAL**

This paper is responsive to the Office action for the above-identified patent application, made final, which was mailed from the Office on April 17, 2007.

Applicants enclose a Request for Continued Examination of this application and an authorization to charge the associated fee and additional claims fees to Deposit Account No. 07-1700. Applicants believe that no other fees are due for the foregoing papers to be entered and considered. However, please consider this a conditional authorization to charge any additional fees necessary for entry of this paper to Deposit Account No. 07-1700.

Please make the following amendments, without prejudice, and consider the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.